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THOS. HOOPER, Secretary.
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Twenty per cent. of the subscribed capital is due and payable at the office of the Company, as above, on or before the 15th day of February, 1889.
By order of the Provisional Directors.
THOS. HOOPER, Secretary.
Victoria, B. C., January 31st, 1889.

TO THE TIMES ONLY.

The Winnipeg Call Bought by the Free Press and Discontinued.

A Short Session of the Commons ---No Revision of the Franchise Act.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 11—The sensation in newspaper and political circles in the purchase outright of the morning *Call* newspaper by the *Free Press*. The sale was consummated on Saturday night and the *Call* this morning issues its last edition. The *Free Press* offers the plant for sale, but will retain all telegraphic franchises, thus giving it a monopoly of the morning field, and possessing all afternoon franchises, except the United, which is owned by the *Sun*. An evening edition of the *Free Press* is contemplated. It is understood the price paid is about twenty-eight thousand dollars. The local government were after the *Call*, but were outbidden by the *Free Press*. Forty men are thrown out of employment.

The Portage extension is now built 19 miles from the city.

A. McIntosh, President of the Merchants' National Bank of Seattle, is in the city.

THE CAPITAL

Likely to be a Short Session—The Next Election, &c

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Ottawa, Feb 11—Work in Parliament is expected to be livelier this week when committees will begin work and night sessions will be held. To-morrow the estimates will be taken up. Every indication is that the session will be one of the most [illegible] The act amending the franchise act, introduced by Hon. Mr. Thompson, does not provide for any revision of electoral lists before 1890. It is supposed that there will be no general election until next year, unless it is held on the lists of 1886, which is improbable.

Montreal, Feb 11—His Excellency the governor-general and Lady Stanley, Hon. Frederick Stanley and Lady Alice [illegible] service at Christ Church this morning.

[illegible] William Holland caught by Detectives [illegible] in a house [illegible] to this city.

[illegible] on the Government against an increase [illegible] others. Another deputation [illegible] increase of duty on [illegible]

[illegible] coming in against the bill, and as the Government [illegible] disallow it, a vigorous agitation is [illegible]

[illegible] Dawson will [illegible] committee be appointed [illegible] the desirability of the [illegible] all the electric [illegible] in Canada and that [illegible] power to send for persons and hear such [illegible] companies and promoters [illegible] all to be heard.

ONTARIO SPECIALS.

[illegible] Attempted Suicide [illegible] Summer Carnival.

[illegible] Dan Scribner and [illegible] naked American refugees, [illegible] the street here last night, [illegible] plunged a knife into Jack [illegible] inflicting probably a fatal [illegible]

[illegible] named Johnson, living [illegible] committed suicide by cutting [illegible]

Feb 11. Dr. George Beers, [illegible] suggests a summer carnival [illegible] with aquatic, athletic and [illegible] gatherings, and a naval [illegible] on the lake. The idea is likely [illegible] upon.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Answers to Questions—The Subsidy to Steamers, Etc.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Ottawa, Feb 11—Hon. Mr. Bowell said [illegible] to-day that the preparing [illegible] lists amounted to ninety-[illegible] thousand dollars.

Mr. Foster replied to the question [illegible] was decided about the [illegible] subsidy to a line of steamers [illegible] Vancouver and China and Japan. [illegible] said that it was not the [illegible] reduce the postage to two [illegible]

Mr. Dewdney said that the question [illegible] amending the Land Act was under [illegible] consideration.

UPPER COUNTRY NEWS.

Cattle for the Spring Trade—Marriage—Enderby Mill—Mining

Mr. Grace, of Pennie station, [illegible] miles west of Kamloops, is still [illegible] about 150 head of cattle for the spring trade.

Mr. J. B. Shearing, late of Toronto, is [illegible] endeavoring to form a Sons of England [illegible] in Kamloops.

Conductor W. Elliott was married last [illegible] by Miss Williams of Kamloops.

Mild weather with light falls of snow, [illegible] excellent sleighing at Enderby, but [illegible] on the sleighs in consequence of [illegible] road state in which the roads were [illegible] in the fall. There is an outcry for [illegible] although the mill company distributed 30,000, and the six large bins of the [illegible] are full of loose grain. There is an average haul of between 70 and 80 tons of wheat a day to Enderby, besides the teams engaged in other purposes, which makes it quite a lively scene.

The Bonanza Quartz Mining Co's. tunnel, Bonanza Ledge, Cayoose Creek, is now in 25 feet and still pushing on. Prospects, so far, of work done from surface by means of shafts are good, rock showing very rich in free gold ore. At present this is the only company doing any work at quartz in this district.

In Lac la Hache Valley the winter has been fine and an unusually small fall of snow. Stock doing fine.

At Clare's Creek, St. Mary's river, there was quite a mining camp, and the gold seekers, it is said, realized from $4 to $5 a day to the hand. Mr. James Nevins, the principal owner of the claim, intends working all winter excavating pay dirt from the bank on the margin of the creek, so as to have it all ready for spring sluicing. He has several men employed, and in the spring the probability is he will have a dozen men under his charge.

"Perhaps it would be doing justice to the people and injustice to myself to remark on a subject that is worthy of consideration. Last fall two young men went out on the head waters of Bridge river on a prospecting tour for fur-bearing animals. But the latter being somewhat scarce, they turned their attention to slaughtering deer. They killed 57, took the hides and left the carcasses to mould and rot. Where can the feelings of human nature be? Has not God in His infinite mercy given us those animals for our pleasure and support? I say pleasure, for who does not enjoy a day's hunting? The deer will be scarce enough in a few years without killing them as already for their hides. See how [illegible] has become extinct and [illegible] years ago [illegible]

SPORTING NOTES.

Cock Fighting—Prize Fight at Seattle Between Cleary and McCann.

Arrangements were perfected in Port Townsend on Saturday for a cock fight for a purse of $50. One of the birds belong to Victoria, the other is owned by a party in Port Townsend. The battle was to come off in Port Townsend on Saturday night.

Tom Cleary, of Seattle, and James McCann, of Vancouver, B. C., have arranged a fight in which Cleary is to knock McCann out in ten rounds. The match is for $100 a side and all gate receipts. It will take place on Sunday, March 3, within 1000 miles of Seattle, under Marquis of Queensberry rules, in a 24-foot ring, with two-ounce gloves. Cleary will probably train at Lake Union and McCann at the race track. McCann is a fighter of considerable reputation in the Northwest, and he feels pretty certain that Cleary can't stop him in ten rounds. Cleary, as is well-known, ranks amongst the first of middle-weight fighters on the list. No local fighter is willing to meet him on equal terms.

OUR REGATTA.

The *News Advertiser* explains for our benefit that the idea of interfering with arrangements for a great regatta here on the 24th of May has never been entertained in Vancouver. The *News* says: "It is generally understood that each year the people of Victoria will have a celebration on May 24th and the citizens of Vancouver on July 1st. By this arrangement there is no possibility of the success of either celebration being impaired by the attempt of one place to surpass the other in the attractions it offered and thereby create any unpleasantness between the two cities. On the contrary the present plan permits of the people of each city assisting its neighbor in return for the same service rendered to itself." Already the outlines of the programme for our celebration in July are being discussed, and it would be pleasing to many persons to witness a contest between the four oar crews on the waters of Burrard Inlet on that occasion. But whether this be so or not, our Victoria friends can depend on a good contingent of people from Vancouver being present at the regatta in the former place on the Queen's Birthday." Good, good; that is something like the thing. This world is improving; there is no mistake about it.

A SUGGESTION.

To THE EDITOR:—In connection with proposed regatta let me suggest the advisability of holding a meeting and getting matters in shape as soon as possible. There is no doubt but that if some one was sent over to the neighboring cities, Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle, Tacoma and Port Townsend to ventilate the matter, but that these places would send double scull and probably four-oared crews to compete, providing the inducements offered are sufficient. With a representation of this kind from each of the above named cities—and Portland and San Francisco might be included for that matter—we would indeed have a regatta that would be worth seeing. Push and energy and some expenditure of money will do it.

PATHFINDER AND RICH.

Thought to Have Been Hunting—Why the Seals are Driven South.

The sealing schooners Rich and Pathfinder, which were seized at Drake's bay on Saturday last by the United States revenue cutter Rush, says the San Francisco *Examiner*, are still riding at anchor in the bay under the watchful care of the customs officers. The search has not uncovered any opium on board as yet, and it is generally believed that there is none of the drug on either of the vessels.

Men who are interested in the sealing business regard the action of the authorities as rather extraordinary. They generally agree that scores of schooners might have been made on the same grounds as those upon which these two were made, as it is the habit for them to lie at Drake's bay for three or even six days without entering at the Custom-house.

Capt. J. F. Janes, one of the best informed men here in regard to the sealing business, while talking to an *Examiner* reporter, remarked:

"Why, it's raw nonsense. I can understand why the seizures were made. Somebody duped Collector Hager and Mr. Fogarty into the belief that there was an effort being made to smuggle opium on shore. I believe that it was solely on this proposition that the vessels were taken. The Custom-house idea was simply trumped up to hold them."

"How about the vessels being there three days before being disturbed?" was asked.

"It appears that the authorities did not know about it sooner."

"Had they any business there without notifying the authorities?"

"It is quite customary to put into that cove, and nothing had heretofore been thought of it. The whole matter is that the schooners intended to hunt up the coast, or perhaps down the coast, before going to the Arctic regions. If they went up there now they would be too early. At the present time there are more fur seals between here and Cape Flattery than was ever known before."

"How do you account for this?"

"Simply because they are being driven out of Alaskan waters and from the cover they get up there by the Commercial Company's hunters, who are supposed, under their contract with the Government, to kill 100,000 seals a year. That number the Government is officially cognizant of. The other hundred thousand that they kill are unknown to any one but outside sealers, who are not permitted to trespass on the sacred rights of the company. I know when seals and sea otter were thick and plentiful in the Santa Barbara channel. They were hunted out and driven up north. Now you can't find one otter there, and but very few fur seals. As a matter of fact, the way in which sealing schooners are treated and the exclusive right given to the Alaska Fur Company is enough to drive legitimate sealers into almost anything, smuggling not excepted. No, you will find that there is nothing in the affair, but since the craft have been captured they are determined to make the best case of them."

The sentiments of Captain Janes seemed to prevail on the city front. Capt. A. White did not think that anything could be done to the schooners. He knew that they only proposed to go along the coast until the season was enough to go up north.

HALIFAX SUGAR [illegible]

Under a Protective Policy [illegible] Dividends to Its [illegible]

Halifax, Feb. 11—The [illegible] been another one of magnificent [illegible] for the Nova Scotia sugar refinery. [illegible] annual meeting of which was held [illegible] The concern pays a dividend of [illegible] cent. and a bonus of 10 per cent. [illegible] sult of the year's operations. It was also [illegible] stood that the capital stock of the company is to be doubled, each shareholder receiving two shares where he has now one without any new outlay. The present capital is $120,000.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

Jack the Ripper Commits Another Crime—The Fiend Said to be Caught.

Cardinal Petra Dead—Deep Snow in Bavaria—Shot and Killed.

London, Feb 11—Another woman murder and mutilation has been discovered and it is probable the murderer is arrested. The murder is similar in its details to those committed by the Whitechapel fiend, "Jack the Ripper." The following are the circumstances as far as made known: The man and woman's names are unknown. They came to Dundee three weeks ago and took a small house. They said they came from London. Suspicion was directed against them from the beginning and they were watched by detectives. Recently the woman disappeared and detectives did not see her leave the house and no trace could be found of her departure. Yesterday the man was arrested and searched when a horrible discovery was made. A box in the basement was broken open and in it was found the body of the missing woman. The head had been [illegible] the legs amputated and [illegible] ripped open.

Parnell will bring an action for libel against the London *Times* in the Irish courts.

A cablegram announced the death of Cardinal John Baptiste Pitra, who was second in rank in the Sacred College. He was born at Champforgeuil, France, in 1812, and was made a Cardinal on March 16th, 1863, and was one of the six suffragan Bishop of the Roman Pontiff.

SHOT AND KILLED.

San Francisco, Feb. 11—Aaron Johnston, 35 years of age, was shot and killed last night in his bar-room during a quarrel, and Robert Phelan, a young plumber, has been arrested charged with the murder.

OPERA SINGER INJURED.

Los Angeles, Feb. 11—Alice Vincent of the Castleton Opera Company, fell from a horse yesterday and broke her left arm.

AROUND THE SALMON RUN.

Washington, Feb. 11—Representative Dunn has reported a bill from the Committee on Marine and Fisheries recommending that the damming of streams in Alaska be prohibited. A majority of these streams are shallow and run in small lakes, and damming prevents the salmon from returning from the sea to their spawning grounds.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

The Hague, Feb. 11—A storm of exceptional severity is raging throughout Holland. Rivers are greatly swollen and Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Schiedam, Zwoll and Kapen are inundated. There have been many shipwrecks and a great loss of life is reported.

MUST COMPENSATE THE OWNERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 11—Customs officials state that the Government will have to compensate the owners of the American ship Bridgewater, as the seizure of that vessel was illegal.

WHOLESALE FRAUDS.

By Means of Blank Invoices—How It Was Done.

For some time past [illegible] hardware merchants have found their sales falling steadily off, owing to the extraordinarily cheap prices made by some of their western rivals. These possessed of almost unlimited capital, and therefore able to reap the full benefit of the cash discount, and being also able to buy in far larger quantities than their smaller competitors, they felt that their position should be such as to meet all fair competition, but nevertheless, it soon became known that certain western concerns, although possessed of very limited means, could not only undersell the very lowest prices Montreal could offer, but actually visited the customers of leading wholesalers in this city, and offered to sell them American goods at prices 10 per cent. below their best rates. Montreal merchants, knowing the strength of their position and feeling that their exceptional facilities for purchasing enabled them to sell as low as anyone else, were everything fair and above board, were naturally astonished that a comparatively small firm should be able to invade this city and offer goods at prices ten per cent. below the best at which they could sell themselves. For a time they hesitated as to what course to pursue, but at last secured sufficient evidence to place the customs special agents on the track of their rivals. Armed with this information, about three weeks back the special agents proceeded to examine the bonded ware invoice of the suspected firm, and were astonished to find a number of them in the same hand writing; some altogether, and some only so far as the quantities and prices were concerned. They ordered up a case to the examining warehouse, and found a quantity of Disston's saws, therein contained, entered on quite another American invoice. They then visited the firm in person and demanded the original invoice of the case. On this being handed to them it is said the ink on it was still wet. On further questioning they elicited the fact that the firm possessed a pile of American invoice forms, duly certified, either entirely blank, or having the description of the goods filled in, but the quantities and prices left blank. On this, an officer was at once put in charge, and the books thoroughly examined for the past year, with the result that an endorsed about note for a little over $9,000 was handed to the Government, which was taken up in cash on the 10th ultimo.

Not only were blank invoices filled in [illegible] of the [illegible]

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THE TIMES.

We to-day present THE TIMES to its numerous readers in an enlarged form. For some time past our columns have been overcrowded, and we have frequently been compelled to condense local reports and sometimes to omit a portion entirely. The increased size—to an amount of space equal to about seven columns—will render it possible at all times for us to accommodate our numerous patrons, who we are pleased to say are constantly increasing in respect to advertising space and in other ways. THE TIMES has to-day a much larger circulation than ever before, and it continues to grow at a rate unprecedented in this city. It is the paper of the people as it is published for the people, and not in the interest of [illegible] faction.

THE TIMES is now as large as any paper in British Columbia, and we believe it will be admitted that it is at least as enterprising as the best of them. It tries to deal with all questions on their merits until it gives as far a summary of the news of the world, and as full a report of the news of the city and province as any other. We have found the public of Victoria generous in its treatment of our enterprise, and recognizing the fact that there is a wide field here for a live, progressive, liberal and enterprising journal, we will do our part to the best of our ability, to merit the want, having the fullest confidence that our efforts will be appreciated, and that a more [illegible] than ever will be [illegible] to us.

CONVERSION OF CHINESE.

The Sunday morning services of the Rev. J. Evans' church were made unique by the baptism of several Chinese girls, who at the same time were given good Christian names. The conversion of three young pagans to Christianity, if it does not mark an epoch in this city in the proselytizing of Celestials, at least is significant of a departure from their prejudices, from which the Christian world will deduce a hopeful augury. If these rose-lytes to the Christian faith can be kept under proper influences long enough to purge them wholly of their native prejudices, and to imbue them thoroughly with the theory and practice of our religious belief, there certainly is a good chance of their continuing to the end of their days edifying examples of Christian influence. But will this be done? There is an underlying feeling on this coast that a Chinese soul is an inferior article. But the principal reason for thinking that the conversion of these girls may prove only temporary, lies in the fact of their being Orientals, as the possessors of the rejected of ten thousand years. Rank outsiders are the Chinese, and proudly exclusionists of all civilizations save their own are the Indian, who is a branch of the same family, is deficient of the faculty of assimilation with Caucasian races. Civilizations kills him. He has no moral faculty worth speaking of, and consequently—speaking of the race generally—absorbs all of the vices and none of the virtues of his Cau- brethren. Amoss are Siwash sive; ingly it will ng the Still, imi- is

does Mr. MASON stand in regard to it? Mr. MASON has been a thick-and-thin-supporter of the present Government and, doubtless, had the ear of the Government in all matters concerning this expenditure. He probably advised in regard to every step that was taken, and is therefore just as responsible as the Government. If any faults rest upon the Government is it not apparent that it equally rests upon Mr. MASON, and yet Mr. Mason was forced upon this committee. Can it be supposed that he will censure himself? If it was not to baulk Mr. BEAVEN'S motion, then what was the reason for placing Mr. MASON upon the committee? For our part we think the committee named was a passably fair one, and can see no good results from placing a man in a position to act as witness and judge in a case where he is or should be a defendant. The present Government has ever acted in this way, and it is time the country cried halt and insisted upon a fair investigation, one above suspicion. Would not the country as a whole, and Cariboo in particular, have more confidence in a report by men wholly untrammeled.

BERLIN'S MUNICIPAL SYSTEM

The Toronto Mail, while discussing the reform of the municipal government of that city, refers to the system of government in operation in a number of American cities and in Germany Berlin is described by our contemporary as the best governed city in the world. Its affairs are administered with the economy and efficiency of a well conducted private enterprise. The underlying principle of its civic government is thorough popular representation, the basis of the structure being a Municipal Assembly composed of 126 members, representing the 326 wards of the city. One-half at least must be house-owners, and two brothers or father and son, cannot be members at the same time. Universal manhood suffrage prevails in Imperial elections, but the municipal suffrage is slightly restricted. Every honest citizen twenty-four years of age can vote after a year's residence if he pays what is called a class tax on income of about $150. This restriction makes the number of qualified voters about thirteen per cent less than in the Imperial elections. They are divided into three classes according to the taxes they pay. The first class comprises the heaviest taxpayers, who contribute one-third of the entire levy; the second comprises those who pay the next third; while all the rest of the taxpayers make up the third class. Each class elects one-third of the members of the Assembly, the result being that the majority in that body is chosen by a minority of the voters. At the recent election the voters in the first class numbered a little over 3,000; those in the second class a little less than 16,000, while those in the third class were 160,000 in number. It usually happens in the large German cities, we are told, that the first and second class is either Liberal or Progressive, while the third class vote manifests Conservative, Radical, and Socialistic tendencies combined. The members of the Assembly are elected for six years, one-third retiring every two years. By this means continuity or permanency is secured and this principle runs through the entire municipal system. The Assembly has no executive functions as a body, but it has entire control of the finances, being supreme in drawing up the budget and authorizing extraordinary expenditures. One of its functions is the election of the upper branch of the municipal government known as the Magistracy, which consists of the mayor and 32 members of a board of Aldermen, 15 of whom are salaried while the other 17 hold honorary positions. The mayor, whose office is considered one of the highest honor, is chosen for twelve years, the choice being nominally subject to the approval of the king. His salary is 30,000 marks, which is equal to about $7,500. He has general direction of the board of aldermen, and his powers are almost absolute. The fifteen salaried aldermen are elected for twelve years, with special qualifications for the department to be entrusted them. As their salaries are higher than those of the local judges and the higher members of the civil service the position is much sought after by the best men of Prussia's fine civil service, from which they are chosen. They are usually re-elected on the expiration of their terms, unless they choose to retire on their pensions. They consist of a deputy mayor, two legal advisers, a city treasurer, two school councillors, two architects, and seven aldermen without title, who are assigned to various departments. The seventeen unpaid aldermen are elected for six years from the higher class of citizens and, in fact, usually from among those members of the Assembly who have served long and faithfully. Their positions also are considered most [illegible]able, and as they are usually [illegible] it is possible for any com- [illegible]mber of the [illegible] choose, [illegible]y old fea- [illegible]al [illegible]d

sury. The government, we are assured, views the matter in the proper light.

A St. Louis manufacturing company which has lately shared a portion of the profits with the employees, gives as a result of an experiment of three years, that it pays the company by "the better care and better feeling, as well as in the sense of security based on the concurrent interest of every person employed." The trials on that line, so far, seem to be satisfactory to all concerned as a rule.

The contract for the ceilings in the legislative halls at Albany required the work to be done in carved oak, but it has been discovered that it is paper machie. The contractor excuses himself by the plea that when it falls down as it threatens to do, nobody will be hurt, whereas, the fall of an oaken ceiling would have depopulated the Empire State of its seatsemen. There are people who do not see the force of this reason.

The correctness of the report in circulation at Ottawa to the effect that a new Federal constituency will be established in this Province, and that A. W. Ross will resign for Lisgar and run in British Columbia, is denied. All western members at Ottawa say such a step is impossible until after the next census, when a redistribution of seats takes place. Senator Reid thinks the story originated from the movement on foot to induce Ross to be a candidate for the Local Legislature if Vancouver city succeeds in obtaining a representative, which she is seeking at present.

In connection with the publication of the income of the Vanderbilts—$23,864,000 a year—a curious idea is evolved by a correspondent of the New York World. Suppose the age of the world since the birth of Adam to be 6,000 years, which is the figure obtained by certain students of the Bible. Then suppose that when Adam was born he began to draw a salary of forty American dollars a week—which is more than many good fellows gets in New York City. And suppose still further that when he became incapacitated for labor the salary passed to Cain, and so on, in the direct line to the present day, the sum total of the earnings of the men in that unimaginable procession of fathers and sons would not yet have equalled the income of the Vanderbilts for one year—would not equal it till about the year 2,553. With a tinge of sarcasm, the correspondent adds: "And still we keep a tin bank for the baby and drop our pennies there with a faith in the sublime virtue of economy."

Hon. Mr. Gilman has given notice that at the earliest opportunity he will move in council that an humble address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec asking him to abolish the Legislative Council on several grounds, the principal one being that it has outlived its usefulness, and is solely a resort for political pets. As compensation for the present members, it is proposed to make them a payment of $10,000 or $20,000 each, or else give them life seats in the popular branch of the Legislature, not to be refilled when they die or retire. The payment suggested would cost the Province $250,000. The annual expenditure for the council now is $60,000. So it would only take four years to pay the $10,000 or eight years for the larger amount. It is understood it out of the 23 members favor the abolition on any terms. Bryson is opposed to buying out the present members but will support the scheme if no compensation is proposed, so the prospects of getting rid of the upper chamber are believed to be bright.

CONCERNING PUBLIC ROADWAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

SIR,—As appropriations for roads will shortly be debated in the legislature, will you allow attention to be drawn to the much embittered matter of road accommodation in the province. For illustration take Victoria electoral district, to which last session eight thousand dollars was allotted; but the question arises, where, how, or for what purpose was it spent? In the quarter of the district adjacent to Victoria city, where from the greater traffic a large proportion should properly have been applied, only a few hundred appears to have gone with the obvious result that roads for years calling out for repair were again left unmended, local business seriously impeded, or altogether stopped, settlers cobbling places with brush and boulders, although taxes are being *steadily* raised in cases during the last three or four years up to *one hundred per cent!* And for what is this done? may well be asked. However, from the general dissatisfaction at the end and muddle, is it not self-proof that the time has arrived for some definite system of highway maintenance in keeping with the progress of the country, and the large amount annually appropriated for the purpose as no matter how liberal the legislative vote may be, its benefit is obviously lost—the minimum work at the maximum cost—if there is no technical method employed. And the most important work of the province—road building—cannot direct itself, or go by fluke, but in the light of results, where is the executive machinery or system? Who, or what, directs it? No lay figures, no matter how inflated could, for that matter. So many dressmakers would do just as well, and as most people know, many highways are not in as good order as they were years ago, not even commonly maintained, and this with the large sum annually voted. Thus the taxpayers who support the country and pay officials, are daily suffering in their lives, vocations and pockets. The horrors of the recent Skeena affair were as nothing to the constant torture of the law-abiding subjects of Her Majesty, who not being amphibious find so many of the Queen's highways hard roads to travel, because they are so soft.

Not much was ever thought of the roads at the *ould* home of Ballysionah-therry but by comparison; the results of civilization were conspicuous [illegible], because only men of proved courage were employed. And if immigrants arrived from other lands assuming [illegible] it was never thought to be any [illegible]al qualification or badge of high [illegible]nction, at least, worth writing a book [illegible]t. However, if there is no machine [illegible]ore or no nothing to engineer high[illegible], could not some of the more unhealthy [illegible]eal ours be fenced in and traffic [illegible]ed on as by canal to the further [illegible]t attractions of the province that [illegible]amental and festive sports from town [illegible]ld [illegible]n vary their efforts by angling [illegible]hem for suckers if there be any more [illegible]. No Road.

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CHAPTER IX.

MR. GORBY IS SATISFIED AT LAST.

In spite of his long walk and still longer drive Brian did not sleep well that night. He kept tossing and turning, or else lying on his back wide awake, looking into the darkness and thinking of Whyte. Toward dawn, when the first faint glimmer of morning came through the Venetian blinds, he fell into a sort of uneasy doze, haunted by horrible dreams. He thought he was driving in a hansom, when suddenly he found Whyte by his side, clad in white cerements, grinning and gibbering at him with ghastly merriment. Then the cab went over a precipice, and he fell from a great height down, down, with the mocking laughter still sounding in his ears, until he woke with a loud cry and found it was broad daylight, and that drops of perspiration were standing on his brow. It was no good trying to sleep any longer, so, with a weary sigh, he arose and went for his tub, feeling jaded and worn out by worry and want of sleep. His 'bath did him some good, as the cold water brightened him up and pulled him together. Still he could not help giving a start of surprise when he saw his face looking at him from the mirror, old and haggard looking, with dark circles round the eyes.

"A pleasant life I'm going to have of it if this sort of thing goes on," he said bitterly; "I wish to G— I had never seen or heard of Whyte."

He dressed himself carefully, however, for Brian was a man who never neglected his toilet, however worried and out of sorts he might feel. Yet, notwithstanding his efforts to throw off his gloom and feel cheerful, his landlady was startled when she saw how haggard and wan his handsome face looked in the searching morning light.

She was a small, dried up little woman, with a wrinkled, yellow face, and looked so parched and brittle that strangers could not help thinking it would do her good if she were soaked in water for a year, in order to soften her a little. Whenever she moved she crackled, and one was in constant dread of seeing one of her wizen looking limbs break off short, like the branch of a dead tree. When she spoke it was in a hard, shrill voice, like a cricket; and being dressed in a faded brown silk, what with her voice and attenuated body, she was not unlike that noisy insect. She crackled into Brian's sitting room with The Argus and coffee, and a look of dismay came over her stony face as she saw his altered looks.

"Dear me, sir," she chirped out in her shrill voice, as she placed her burden on the table, "are you took bad?"

Brian shook his head.

"Want of sleep, that's all, Mrs. Sampson," he answered, unfolding The Argus.

"Ah! that's because ye ain't got enough blood in yer 'ead," said Mrs. Sampson, wisely, for she had her own ideas on the subject of health. "If you ain't got blood you ain't got sleep."

Brian looked at her as she said this, for there seemed such an obvious want of blood in her veins that he wondered if she had ever slept in all her life.

However, he said nothing, but merely intimated that if she would leave the room he would take his breakfast.

"An' if you wants anythin' else, Mr. Fitzgerald," she said, going to the door, "you knows your way to the bell as easily as I do to the kitchen," and, with a final chirrup, she crackled out of the room.

Brian drank his coffee, but pushed away the food which was before him, and then looked through The Argus to see the latest reports about the murder case. What he read made his cheek turn even paler than it was, and he could feel his heart beating loudly.

"They've found a clew, have they?" he muttered, rising and pacing restlessly up and down. "I wonder what it can be! I threw that man off the scent last night, but if he suspects me there will be no difficulty in him finding out where I live. Bah! What nonsense I am talking. I am the victim of my own morbid imagination. There is nothing to connect me with the crime, so I need not be afraid of my shadow. I've a good mind to leave town for a time, but if I am suspected that would excite suspicion. Oh, Madge! my darling," he cried, passionately, "if you only knew what I suffer, I know that you would pity me—but you must never know the truth —Never! Never!" and, sinking into a chair by the window, he covered his face with his hands. After remaining in this position for some minutes, occupied with his own gloomy thoughts, he arose and rang the bell. A faint crackle in the distance announced that Mrs. Sampson had heard, and she soon came into the room, looking more like a cricket than ever. Brian had gone into his bedroom and called out to her from there:

"I am going down to St. Kilda, Mrs. Sampson," he said, "and, probably, will not be back all day."

"Which I 'opes it 'ull do you good," answered the cricket, "for you've eaten nothin', an' the sea breeze is miraculous for makin' you take to your victuals. My mother's brother, bein' a sailor, an' wonderful for 'is stomach, which, when 'e 'ad done a meal, the table looked as if a low cuss 'ad gone over it."

"A what?" asked Fitzgerald, buttoning his gloves.

"A low cuss!" replied the landlady, in surprise at his ignorance, "as I've read in 'Oly Writ, as 'ow John the Baptist was partial to 'em, not that I think they'd be very filling, tho', to be sure, 'e 'ad a sweet tooth, and ate 'oney with 'em."

"Oh! you mean locusts," said Brian, now intelligently.

"An' what else?" asked Mrs. Sampson, indignantly, "which, tho' not bein' a scholard, I speaks English. I 'opes, my mother's second cousin avin' 'ad first prize at a spellin' bee, tho' 'e died early through brain fever, 'avin' crowded 'is 'ead over much with the dictionary."

"Dear me!" answered Brian mechanically. "How unfortunate." He was not listening to Mrs. Sampson's remarks, but was thinking of an arrangement which Madge had made, and which he had forgotten till now.

"Mrs. Sampson," he said, turning round at the door, "I am going to bring Mr. Frettiby and his daughter to have a cup of afternoon tea here, so you might have some ready."

"You 'ave only to ask and to 'ave," answered Mrs. Sampson, hospitably, with a crackle of all her joints. "I'll make the tea, sir, an' also some of my own perticklar cakes, bein' a special kind I 'ave, which my mother showed me 'ow to make, 'avin' been taught by a lady as she nussed thro' the scarlet fever, tho' bein' of a weak constitootion, she died soon arter, bein' in the 'abit of contractin' any disease she might chance on."

As soon as Fitzgerald had gone Mrs. Sampson went over to the window and watched him as he walked slowly down the street—a tall, handsome man, of whom any woman would be proud.

"What an awful thing it ars to think 'e'll be a corpse some day," she chirped cheerily to herself, "tho' of course bein' a great swell in 'is own place, 'e'll 'ave a nice airy vault, which no be far more comfortable than a close, stuffy grave, even tho' in 'as a tombstone an' vi'lets over it. Ah, now! Who are you, impertinence?" she broke off, as a stout man in a light suit of clothes crossed the road and rang the bell, "a pullin' at the bell as if it were a pump 'andle."

As the gentleman at the door, who was none other than Mr. Gorby, did not hear her, he, of course, did not reply, so she hurried down the stairs, crackling with anger at the rough usage her bell had received.

Mr. Gorby had seen Brian go out, and deeming it a good opportunity to prosecute inquiries, had lost no time in making a start.

"You nearly tored the bell down," said the fiery cricket, as she presented her thin body and wrinkled face to the view of the detective.

"I'm very sorry," answered Gorby, meekly. [illegible] next time."

"[illegible] you won't," said the landlady, "or 'ead, "me not 'avin' a knocker, and a-scratchin' the paint off the [illegible] sh it ain't been done over six months [illegible] ister-in-law's cousin, which 'e is a [illegible] to keep, as a [illegible] ve to color."

"Mr. Fitzgerald live here?" asked Mr. [illegible]ctly.

"[illegible]," replied Mrs. Sampson, "but 'e's [illegible]an' won't be back till the arter[illegible] any message 'ill be delivered to [illegible] on 'is arrival."

"[illegible] he's not in," said Mr. Gorby. "You allow me to have a few moments' conversation?"

"What is it?" asked the cricket, her curiosity being roused.

"I'll tell you when we get inside," answered Mr. Gorby.

The cricket looked at him with her sharp little eyes, and seeing nothing disreputable in him, led the way upstairs, crackling loudly the whole time. This so astonished Mr. Gorby that he cast about in his own mind for an explanation of the phenomena.

"Wants oiling about the joints," was his conclusion, "but I never heard anything like it, and she looks as if she'd snap in two, she's that brittle."

Mrs. Sampson took Gorby into Brian's sitting, and, having closed the door, sat down and prepared to hear what he had to say for himself.

"I 'ope it ain't bills," she said. "Mr. Fitzgerald 'avin' money in the bank, and everythin' respectable like a gentleman as 'e is, tho', to be sure, your bill might come down on him unbeknown, 'e not 'avin' kept it in mind, which it ain't everybody as 'ave sich a good memory as my aunt on my mother's side, she 'avin' bin famous for 'er dates like a 'istory, not to speak of 'er multiplication tables and the numbers of people's 'ouses."

"I am an insurance agent," he said rapidly, so as to prevent any interruption by the cricket; "and Mr. Fitzgerald wants to insure his life in our company. Before doing so I want to find out if he is a good life to insure; does he live temperately? keep early hours? and, in fact, all about him."

"I shall be 'appy to answer any inquiries which may be of use to you, sir," replied Mrs. Sampson; "knowin' as I do 'ow good a insurance is to a family should the 'ead of it be taken off unexpected, leavin' a widder, which, as I know, Mr. Fitzgerald is a goin' to be married soon, an' I 'opes 'e'll be 'appy, tho' thro' it I lose a lodger as 'as allays paid regler, an' be'aved like a gentleman."

"Does he keep good hours?" said Mr. Gorby.

"Allays in afore the clock strikes twelve," answered the landlady; "tho' to be sure, I uses it as a figger of speech, none of the clocks in the 'ouse strikin' but one, which is bein' mended, 'avin' broke through overwindin'."

"Is he always in before 12?" asked Mr. Gorby, keenly disappointed at this answer.

Mrs. Sampson eyed him waggishly, and a smile crept over her wrinkled little face.

"Young men, not bein' old men," she replied, cautiously, "and sinners not bein' saints, it's not nattral as latch keys should be made for ornament instead of use, and Mr. Fitzgerald bein' one of the 'andsomest men in Melbourne, it ain't to be expected as he should let 'is latch key git rusty, tho', 'avin' a good moral character, 'e uses it with moderation."

"But I suppose you are generally asleep when he comes in late?" said the detective; "so you can't tell what hour he comes home?"

"Not as a rule," assented Mrs. Sampson; "bein' a 'evy sleeper, and much disposed for bed, but I 'ave 'eard 'im come in arter 12, the last time bein' Thursday week."

"Ah!" Mr. Gorby drew a long breath, for Thursday week was the night when the murder was committed.

"Bein' troubled with my 'ead," said Mrs. Sampson, "thro' 'avin' been out in the sun all day a-washin', I did not feel so partial to my bed that night as in general, so went down to the kitchen with the intent of getting a linseed poultice to put at the back of my 'ead, it being calculated to remove pain, as was told to me, when a nuss, by a doctor in the horspital, 'e now being in business for himself, at Geelong, with a large family, 'avin' married early. Just as I was leavin' the kitchen I 'eard Mr. Fitzgerald a comin' in, and, turnin' round, looked at the clock, that 'avin' been my custom when my late 'usband came in the early mornin', I bein' a preparin' 'is meal."

"And the time was?" asked Mr. Gorby, breathlessly.

"Five minutes to 2 o'clock," replied Mrs. Sampson.

Mr. Gorby thought for a moment.

Cab was hailed at 1 o'clock—started for St. Kilda about ten minutes past—reached grammar school, say at twenty-five minutes past—Fitzgerald talks five minutes to cabman, making it half-past—say, he waited ten minutes for other cab to turn up, makes it twenty minutes to 3—it would take another twenty minutes to get to East Melbourne—and five minutes to walk up here—that makes it five minutes past 2 instead of before—confound it! "Was your clock in the kitchen right?" he asked, aloud.

"Well, I think so," answered Mrs. Sampson. "It does get a little slow sometimes, not 'avin' bin cleaned for some time, which my nevy bein' a watchmaker I allays 'ands it over to 'im."

"Of course it was slow on that night," said Gorby, triumphantly. "He must have come in at five minutes past 2—which makes it right."

"Makes what right?" asked the landlady, sharply. "And 'ow do you know my clock was ten minutes wrong?"

"Oh, it was, was it?" asked Gorby, eagerly.

"I'm not denyin' that it wasn't," replied Mrs. Sampson; "clocks ain't allays to be relied on more than men an' women; but it won't be anythin' agin 'is insurance, will it, as in general 'e's in afore 12?"

"Oh, all that will be quite safe," answered the detective, delighted at having obtained the required information. "Is this Mr. Fitzgerald's room?" [illegible]

"Yes, it is," replied the landlady; "but 'e furnished it 'imself, bein' of a luxurus turn of mind, not but what 'is taste is good, tho' far be it from me to deny I helped 'im to select; but 'avin' another room of the same to let, any friends as you might 'ave in search of a 'ome 'ud be well looked arter, my references bein' very 'igh an' my cookin' tasty, an' [illegible]."

Here a ring at the front door bell called Mrs. Sampson away, so with a hurried word to Gorby she crackled down stairs. Left to himself, Mr. Gorby arose and looked around the room. It was excellently furnished, and the pictures on the wall were all in good taste. There was a writing table at one end of the room under the window, which was covered with papers.

"It's no good looking for the papers he took out of Whyte's pocket, I suppose," said the detective to himself, as he turned over some letters, "as I don't know what they are, and couldn't tell them if I saw them; but I'd like to find that missing glove and the bottle that held the chloroform—unless he's done away with them. There doesn't seem any sign of them here, so I'll have a look in his bedroom."

There was no time to lose, as Mrs. Sampson might return at any moment, so Mr. Gorby walked quickly into the bedroom, which opened off the sitting room. The first thing that caught the detective's eye was a large photograph of Madge Frettiby in a plush frame, which stood on the dressing table. It was the same kind he had already seen in Whyte's album, and he took it up with a laugh.

"You're a pretty girl," he said, apostrophising the picture, "but you give your photograph to two young men, both in love with you, and both not tempered. The result is that one is dead, and the other won't survive him long. That's what you've done."

He put it down again, and looking round the room, caught sight of a light overcoat hanging behind the door, and also a soft hat.

"Ah," said the detective, going up to the door, "here is the very coat you wore when you killed that poor fellow. I wonder what you have in the pockets," and he plunged his hand into them in turn. There was an old theatre programme and a pair of brown gloves in one, but in the second pocket Mr. Gorby made a discovery—none other than that of the missing glove. There it was—a soiled white glove for the right hand, with black bands down the back; and the detective smiled in a gratified manner as he put it carefully in his pocket.

"My morning has not been wasted," he said to himself. "I've found out that he came in at a time which corresponds to all his movements after 1 o'clock on Thursday night, and this is the missing glove, which clearly belonged to Whyte. If I could only get hold of the chloroform bottle I'd be satisfied."

But the chloroform bottle was not to be found, though he searched most carefully for it. At last, hearing Mrs. Sampson coming up stairs again, he desisted from his search and came back to the sitting room.

"There is sorry, I suspect," he said, as he sat down in his old place; "but it doesn't matter. I think I 'ave found a fragment of evidence, from what I have discovered, which will be sufficient to convict Mr. Brian. Besides, I expect when he is arrested he will confess everything; he seems to have such a lot of remorse for what he has done."

The door opened and Mrs. Sampson crackled into the room.

"Did I understand you to say, Mrs. Sampson," he went on, "that Mr. Fitzgerald would be at home this afternoon?"

"Oh, yes, sir, 'e will," answered Mrs. Sampson, "a drinkin' tea with his young lady, who is Miss Frettiby, and 'as got no end of money—not but what I might's 'ave 'ad the same 'ad I been born in a higher spear."

"You need not tell Mr. Fitzgerald I have been here," said Gorby, closing the gate; "I'll probably call and see him myself this afternoon."

"What a stout person 'e are," said Mrs. Sampson to herself, as the detective walked away, "just like my late father, who was always fishy, being a great eater and fond of 'is glass, but I took arter my mother's family, they bein' thin like, and proud of keeping 'emselves so, as the vinegar they drank could testify, not that I indulge in it myself."

She shut the door and went up stairs to take away the breakfast things, while Gorby was being driven along at a good pace to the police office, in order to get a warrant for Brian's arrest on a charge of willful murder

CHAPTER X.

IN THE QUEEN'S NAME.

It was a broiling hot day—one of those cloudless days, with the blazing sun beating down on the arid streets, and casting deep, black shadows. By rights it was a December day, but the clerk of the weather had evidently got a little mixed, and popped it into the middle of August by mistake. The previous week, however, had been a little chilly, and this delightfully hot day had come as a pleasant surprise and a forecast of summer. It was Saturday morning, and of course all fashionable Melbourne was doing the Block. With regard to its "Block," Collins street corresponds to New York's Broadway, London's Regent street and Rotten Row, and to the Boulevards of Paris. It is on the Block that people show off their new dresses, bow to their friends, cut their enemies and chatter small talk.

Carriages were bowling smoothly along, their occupants smiling and bowing as they recognised their friends on the sidewalk; lawyers, their legal quibble finished for the week, were strolling leisurely along, with their black bags in their hands; portly merchants, forgetting Flinders lane and incoming ships, were walking beside their pretty daughters; and the representatives of swelldom were stalking along in their customary apparel of curly hats, high collars, and masher suits. Altogether it was a very pleasant and animated scene, and would have delighted the heart of any one who was not dyspeptic, nor in love—dyspeptic people and lovers disappointed ones, of course, being accustomed to survey the world in a cynical vein.

Madge Frettiby was engaged in that pleasant occupation so dear to every female heart, of shopping. She was in Mostray, Rowan & Hicks', turning over ribbons and laces, while the faithful Brian waited for her outside, and amused himself by looking at the human stream which flowed along the pavement. Brian disliked shopping quite as much as the rest of his sex, but, being a lover, of course it was his duty to be martyrized, though he could not help thinking of his pleasant club, where he could have been reading and smoking, with something cool in a glass beside him. After Madge had purchased a dozen articles she did not want, and had interviewed her dressmaker on the momentous subject of a new dress, she remembered that Brian was waiting for her, and hurried quickly to the door.

"I haven't been many minutes, have I, dear?" she said, touching him lightly on the arm.

"Oh, dear, no," answered Brian, looking at his watch, "only thirty—a mere nothing, considering a new dress was being discussed."

"I thought I had been longer," said Madge, her brow gathering, "but still I am sure you feel a martyr."

"Not at all," replied Fitzgerald, handing her into the carriage; "I enjoyed myself very much."

"Nonsense," she laughed, opening her sunshade, while Brian took his seat beside her; "that's one of those social stories which every one considers themselves bound to tell from a sense of duty. I'm afraid I did keep you waiting—though, after all," she went on, with a true feminine idea as to the flight of time, "I was only a few minutes."

"And the rest," said Brian, quizzically looking at her pretty face, so charmingly flushed under her great white hat.

Madge disdained to notice this interruption.

"James," she cried to the coachman, "drive to the Melbourne club. Papa will be there, you know," she said to Brian, "and we'll take him off to have afternoon tea with us."

"But it's only 1 o'clock," said Brian, as the town hall clock came in sight. "Mrs. Sampson won't be ready."

"Oh, anything will do," replied Madge, "a cup of tea and some thin bread and butter isn't hard to prepare. I don't feel like lunch, and papa eats so little in the middle of the day, and you"——

"Eat a great deal at all times," finished Brian, with a laugh. Madge went on chattering in her usual lively manner, and Brian listened to her with delight. It was very pleasant, he thought, lying back among the soft cushions of the carriage, with a pretty girl talking so gayly. He felt like Saul must have done when he heard the harp of David, and Madge, with her pleasant talk, drove away the evil spirit which had been with him for the last three weeks. Suddenly Madge made an observation as they were passing the Burke and Wills monument, which startled him.

"Isn't that the place where Mr. Whyte got into the cab?" she asked, looking at the corner near the Scotch church, where a vagrant of musical tendencies was playing "Just Before the Battle, Mother," on a battered old concertina in a most dismal manner.

"So the papers say," answered Brian, listlessly, without turning his head.

"I wonder who the gentleman in the light coat could have been," said Madge, as she settled herself again.

"No one seems to know," he replied evasively.

"Ah, but they've got a clew," she said. "Do you know, Brian," she went on, "that he was dressed just like you, in a light overcoat and soft hat?"

"How remarkable," said Fitzgerald, speaking in a slightly sarcastic tone, and as calmly as he was able. "He was dressed in the same manner as nine out of every ten young fellows in Melbourne."

Madge looked at him in surprise at the tone in which he spoke, so different from his usual nonchalant way of speaking, and was about to answer, when the carriage stopped at the door of the Melbourne club. Brian, anxious to escape any more remarks about the murder, sprang quickly out, and ran up the steps into the building. He found Mr. Frettiby smoking complacently, and reading The Age. As Fitzgerald entered he looked up, and putting down the paper held out his hand, which the other took.

"Ah! Fitzgerald," he said, "have you left the attractions of Collins street for the still greater ones of clubland?"

"Not I," answered Brian. "I've come to carry you off to afternoon tea with Madge and myself."

"I don't mind," answered M. Frettiby, rising; "but isn't afternoon tea at half-past 1 rather an anomaly?"

"What's in a name?" said Fitzgerald, absently, as they left the room. "What have you been doing all morning?"

"I've been in here for the last half hour reading," answered the other, carelessly.

"Wool market, I suppose?"

"No, the hansom cab murder."

"Oh, d—— that thing!" said Brian, hastily; then, seeing his companion looking at him in surprise, he apologized. "But, indeed," he went on, "I'm nearly worried to death by people asking all about Whyte, as if I knew all about him, whereas I know nothing."

"Just as well you didn't," answered Mr. Frettiby, as they descended the steps together; "he was not a very desirable companion."

Mrs. Sampson was very much astonished at the early arrival of her lodger's guests, and expressed her surprise in shrill tones.

"Bein' taken by surprise," she said, with an apologetic crackle, "is ain't to be supposed as miracuis can be performed with regard to cookin', the tea bein' some but not bein' enough for a account of the tea of the day, which was that 'ot as never was, tho', to be sure, bein' a child in the early days, I remember it were that 'ot as my sister's aunt was in the 'abit of roastin' her pints in the sun."

After telling this last romance, and leaving her visitors in doubt whether the joints referred to belonged to an animal or to her sister's aunt or herself, Mrs. Sampson crackled away down stairs to get things ready.

"What a curious thing that landlady of yours is, Brian," said Madge, from the depths of a huge arm chair. "I believe she's a grass-hopper from the Fitzroy gardens."

"Oh, no, she's a woman," said Mr. Frettiby, cynically. "You can tell that by the length of her tongue."

"A popular error, papa," retorted Madge, sharply. "I know plenty of men who talk far more than any woman."

"I hope I'll never meet them, then," said Mr. Frettiby, "for if I did I would be inclined to agree with De Quincy's essay on murder as one of the fine arts."

Brian shivered at this, and looked apprehensively at Madge, and saw with relief that she was not paying attention to her father, but was listening intently.

"There she is," as a faint rustle at the door announced the arrival of Mrs. Sampson and the tea tray. "I wonder, Brian, you don't think the house is on fire with that queer noise always going on—she wants oil!"

"Yes, St. Jacob's oil," laughed Brian, as Mrs. Sampson entered, and placed her burden on the table.

"Not 'avin' any cake," said that lady, "thro' not being forewarned as to the time of arrival—tho' it's not ofting I'm taken by surprise—except as to a 'eadache, which, of course, is accidental to every puson—I ain't got nothin' but bread and butter, the baker and the grocer, both bein' all that could be desired except in the way of worryin' for their money, which they think as 'ow I keeps the bank in the 'ouse, like Alading's cave, as I've 'eard tell in the 'Arabian Nights,' me 'avin' gained it as a prize for English in my early girl'ood, bein' then considered a scholard an' industrus."

Mrs. Sampson's shrill apologies for the absence of cake having been received, she stopped out of the room, and Madge made the tea. The service was a quaint Chinese one, which Brian had picked up in his wanderings, and zeal for gatherings like these. As he watched her he could not help thinking how pretty she looked, with her hands moving deftly among the cups and saucers, so bizarre looking with their sprawling dragons of yellow and green. He half smiled to himself as he thought, "If they knew all, I wonder would they sit with me as cool and unconcerned!" Mr. Frettiby, too, as he looked at his daughter, thought of his dead wife, and sighed.

They chatted for a considerable time, till at last Madge arose and said they must go. Brian proposed to dine with them at St. Kilda, and then they would all go to the theatre. Madge consented to this, and she was just pulling on her gloves when suddenly they heard a ring at the front door, and presently heard Mrs. Sampson talking in an excited manner at the pitch of her voice.

"You shan't come in, I tell you," they heard her say, shrilly, "and it's no good trying, which I've allays 'eard as an English man's 'ouse is 'is castle, an' your a-breakin' the law, as well as a-spilin' the carpets, which 'as bin newly put down."

Some one made a reply; then the door of Brian's room was thrown open and Gorby walked in, followed by another man. Fitzgerald turned as white as a sheet, for he felt instinctively that they had come for him. However, pulling himself together, he demanded, in a haughty tone, the reason of the intrusion. Mr. Gorby walked straight over to where Brian was standing, and placed his hand on the young man's shoulder.

"Brian Fitzgerald," he said in a clear voice, "I arrest you in the queen's name."

"For what?" asked Brian, steadily.

"The murder of Oliver Whyte."

At this Madge gave a cry.

"It is not true!" she said, wildly. "My God, it's not true."

Brian did not answer, but, ghastly pale, held out his hands. Gorby slipped the handcuffs on to his wrists with a feeling of compunction, in spite of his joy at running his man down. This done, Fitzgerald turned round to where Madge was standing pale and still, as if she had turned into stone.

"Madge," he said, in a clear, low voice, "I am going to prison—perhaps to death; but I swear to you, by all that I hold most sacred, that I am innocent of this murder."

"My darling!" She made a step forward, but her father stepped before her.

"Keep back," he said, in a cold voice, "there is nothing between you and that man now."

"Keep back," he said.

She turned round with an ashen face, but with a proud look in her clear eyes.

"You are wrong," she answered, with a touch of scorn in her voice. "I love him more now than I did before." Then, before her father could stop her, she placed her arms round her lover's neck, and kissed him wildly on the cheek.

"My darling," she said, with the tears streaming down her white cheeks, "whatever the world may say, you are always dearest of all to me."

Brian kissed her passionately, and then moved away, while Madge fell down at her father's feet in a dead faint.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase twelve hundred and eighty acres of land, on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Island Group, described as follows: Commencing at the north-east corner of D. Freeman's claim, thence east 160 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 160 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. Containing twelve hundred and eighty acres, more or less.

C. E. BENOUF, JNO. NICHOLLES.

Victoria, B. C., February 2nd 1889. fe5-5m

NOTICE.

Mining Review.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY AND MINING REVIEW is, and will be, devoted chiefly to the Economic interests of the Province, including Quartz, Placer and Coal Mining, Timber, Fisheries, Agriculture, Banking and the General Commercial and Manufacturing Interests. All who wish to assist, more properly, co-operate with us, in developing British Columbia interests will now have an opportunity; and if they do not accept it, and can we will be inclined to place them among non-progressionists. We will do our part, and expect to do it well; let the public do theirs. 1m5

NOTICE.

SEPARATE TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR each of the undermentioned properties, the highest or any offer will not necessarily be accepted:

VICTORIA CITY:

Lots 11 and 12, Springville.

Lot 48, Springville, and the building thereon

VICTORIA DISTRICT:

8, Lot 90 (portion of section 29), Oakland Estate, containing five acres, more or less.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT:

4, Suburban Lots 38, 94, 49, and Subdivision No. 1 of Suburban Lot 51, Esquimalt District, containing altogether 23 acres, more or less.

New Westminster District:

5, Sections 21 and 22, Range 1 east, Block 1 north, containing 320 acres, more or less.

6, Southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 2, containing 160 acres, more or less

7, Lot 2, Group 1, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Yale District—Savona's:

8, Water Lots 19, 20, 21 and 22, (Savona's), and the Brewery thereon.

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NOTICE.

Estate of John Cuthbert, deceased.

ALL DEBTORS TO THE ESTATE ARE requested to pay their accounts, and all creditors of the estate to present their claims, forthwith, to Mrs. Cuthbert, the executrix of the will of the deceased, or to J. ROLAND HETT, Barrister-at-Law. Victoria, January 22nd 1889. ja22tf

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

J. BOSCOWITZ vs. T. H. COOPER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of two orders made by the Honorable Sir Matthew B. Begbie, Chief Justice, dated respectively the 21st and 25th day of January, 1889, the undersigned has been appointed Receiver and Manager of the steamship "Barbara Boscowitz" to manage and conduct the business of the said steamship and to receive any money for freight or otherwise due, or to become due, in respect of the said steamship.

JAMES C. PREVOST, Receiver.

Dated, 28th January, 1889. 29-1m

NOTICE.

I HEREBY FORBID ANY PERSON GIVING credit to any one on my account without my written order. J. BOSCOWITZ. jan19-tf

NOTICE.

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN APPLICATION will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping and maintaining a Railway from a convenient point on the eastern boundary of the Province to the northern terminus of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island via Yellowstone Pass, Cariboo and Bute Inlet, with power to construct and maintain branch lines, to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines to build and operate steam and other vessels, and generally to do all things conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above purposes or any of them; and for a grant of land in aid of the proposed railway.

CHARLES WILSON, de24 Solicitor for the Applicants.

Estate of Thomas Thompson, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ABOVE estate are requested to pay the amounts due forthwith, and all persons having any claims against the said estate are requested to forward the same duly proved to JAMES C. PREVOST, Administrator. jan16

H. G. WATERSON,

Job Printer,

Over

Consignees.

Per Str. Walla Walla from San Francisco—P McGeade & Son, P J Foulds, Hedgrave & Ellis, R Borthwick, R T Williams, R Baker & Son, Rer Bros, Gischki, So Wo Ling, W J Pim, E Leiser, T Kapp & Co, H Vancouver, D M & L Co, Welch Hibbet & Co, W H Pimlot, W Whittaker, W G Cameron, Walker Shadwell, W Tiarjen, W H Pullinott Yuen Long, Wells Farco & Co, A W Wright, A R Johnston, A Bodfrey, A Lewis & Co, Angus & Gordon, A Crawford & Co, B Williams, Brackman & Ker, Carne & Hussie, C W Rodgers, Carter & Perrin, Creighton & Fraser, D McFaulen, D H Ross, E H Marvin, Engelhardt, Pell & Co, G Fred, G Morrison, H Saunders, H Maxwell, H Waller, H Stephens, H A Tilley, J Lapierre, Him Yick, Harrison & McAllister, Hop Chong, Hudson Bay Co, J G McCall, J Loewen, J L Raymur, J Bechtel, J Engelhardt, J C Devlin, J Anisjenski, J L Lowe, J H Baker, J Weiler, J H Todd & Son, J Sears, J P Matthews, J Caning, J & A Clearihue, J Kurtz & Co, Lilienthal & Co, Mee T Davie, Marvin & Tilton, Moe Ying Long, Moore & Co, Matthews B & Tye, M E Gerlandis, N Foreman, Nicholles & Renouf, O Campbell.

MARRIED.

BOLTON-BUSHBY—On the 11th inst., at the church of St. Paul, Esquimalt, Vancouver Island, by the Rev. Arthur Beanlands, Assistant Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, the Rev. William Washington Bolton, M. A., Rector of the Parish, to Agnes Jane Bushby, second daughter of the late Honorable A. T. Bushby.

DIED.

MARTIN—In this city, on the 10th inst., W. J. Martin, aged 60 years, a native of Montrose, Scotland.

CITY AND PROVINCE.

—Steamer Walla Walla brought 154 tons of freight for this city.

—Col. Baker's residence at Kootenay was burned down last night.

—Van Horst was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital this morning by Officer Thomas.

—An enthusiast of rowing has offered to donate $250 towards the 24th of May regatta.

—Several French residents of this city have decided to visit the Paris exhibition this summer.

—The promoters of the Victoria, Saanich and New Westminster railway held a meeting to-day.

—C. W. Busk will lecture this evening at the C. E. T. S. entertainment held in the Cathedral school room.

—A comparatively new verandah opposite the Victoria Club was torn down to-day. Let the good work go on.

—A late arrival from the Kootenay district predicts a second Denver in that region inside of twenty years.

—The saloon night watchman on the Premier jumped overboard at the Sandheads on Saturday and was drowned.

—A Chinaman is employed scraping off the Point Ellice Bridge. Is he employed by the Provincial Government.

—C Battery band and the "strong man" left for Nanaimo this morning to entertain the citizens of that city with two concerts.

—The regular monthly meeting of the city school trustees will be held at the City Hall to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.

—Mathias Rowland was fined $200 in the Provincial Court to-day for supplying liquor to an Indian woman through his servant, Joseph Cluett.

—Notwithstanding the earliness of the season and the unfavorable weather for steady work, a large number of new buildings are now in course of erection in New Westminster.

—Several men and women who felt inclined to "paint the town red" on Saturday night, were given to understand by Chief Sheppard that such things were not tolerated in this city.

—The report of the Bank of British Columbia for the meeting on February 20th recommends a dividend of six per cent.; £5,000 is added to the reserve fund and £6,452 is carried forward.

—At the sale of furs, held by the Hudson Bay Co., in London a few days ago, prices advanced according to quality from ten per cent. on some furs to thirty and forty per cent. on others.

—Steamship Abyssinia arrived at Vancouver on Saturday morning after a stormy passage which lasted 16 days. She brought 96 passengers and 3,000 tons of freight, including 320 bales of silk and 30,500 chests of tea.

—The high bank of earth on Yates street, between Vancouver and Quadra streets, is being cut down to the street level, and portions higher up the street are being filled in. Needed repairs on Yates are to be commenced at once.

—Steamer Cariboo Fly arrived at 3:30 this afternoon with the following passengers: C Cunningham, J A Mshood, H Caldwell, C Holtz, A McLaughlin, W Gardiner and Mr Franfield. Freight for A Hartnel, Cunningham and H Hamdist.

—Up to the present time three hundred and eighteen quartz claims have been located on Texada Island. Four mining companies have been formed up to the present, to work various claims on the Island, and each company is proceeding to develop its properties.

—Hermes Peters, the whilom piano dealer, is in Seattle. Mr. Peters craves the signatures of certain influential men of this city "as a benefit to himself and his business." He says, "If everybody knew the mean trick did me in Victoria they would look down on those who did it, instead of me, a hard-working man."

—The New Westminster police made a raid on a portion of Chinatown on Friday and after standing the Chinamen out in a row proceeded to search their houses. Among many things found were four webs of tweed, one web of pilot cloth, a clothes wringer, a complete set of burglar's tools, a box of dynamite and about $100 worth of opium.

PERSONAL.

Items Telling of Movements of Well Known Persons.

J H Pope, minister of railways, is seriously indisposed. It is reported he will resign shortly, to be succeeded by W B Ives, M P, his son-in-law, or Hall, M P.

Rev D McRae left for New Westminster this morning on the Rainbow.

W D Kinnaird, the artistic cutter in Gilmore & McCandless' tailoring establishment, has gone to the mainland to take a week's holiday.

Wm McNeil, a former employee of the local government, is now employed in south San Francisco as a toll collector.

Hem Lipsett, late in the service of the C P N Co, was in the city last week. Mr Lipsett intends to embark in the real estate and insurance business at Port Townsend with Mr Jas Jones of that city.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were united in marriage forty-nine years ago to-day.

J. B. Scott, Metlakahtla, came down by the Boscowitz.

J. T. Fee returned from the East last evening.

Sir George Baden-Powell, K. C. M. G., accompanied by Hon. R. Scott Montague, arrived in this city on Saturday evening. The gentlemen are registered at the Driard.

D. T. Fairbairn's Funeral.

The mortal remains of the late D. T. Fairbairn were interred on Sunday afternoon in Ross Bay Cemetery. The young man expired at St. Joseph's hospital on the 1st inst. His remains were embalmed by Mr. Storey and kept until yesterday, awaiting instructions from relatives in Eastern Canada. Mr. F. I. Sears, a friend of the deceased, rendered all the assistance in his power during the [illegible] and after his death Mr. [illegible] a number of telegrams and [illegible]tives and friends regarding [illegible] of the remains. He re[illegible]ers, and it was decided to [illegible] at Ross Bay cemetery. [illegible] attended by members of [illegible]ria, Rev. [illegible] street [illegible] impressive [illegible]ers, Messrs. [illegible]ers, H. Howard, [illegible]ie and W. Cul[illegible]. [illegible]toria.

SUITS [illegible] Waterp[illegible]

Marriage.

On Friday evening Mr. W. J. Speed will be married to Miss Jacklin. THE TIMES extends congratulations in advance.

The marriage of Dr. Trevan, recently on H. M. S. Triumph at this station, was celebrated in England a few weeks ago.

Tourists.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in bottles by all leading druggists.

Real Estate.

Messrs. W. J. & G Ledingham purchased a lot at the corner of Fisgard and Douglas streets a few days ago. It is the intention of the enterprising carriage and waggon makers to erect a two storey brick building with a frontage of 70 feet on Fisgard street and 60 feet on Douglas street.

Inhuman Treatment.

A man named Van Horst, residing near the Royal Hospital, has been on a drunken spree since Christmas. His wife was driven out of the house and sought refuge amongst her neighbors. The man has been ill-using his children and the house was visited twice by the police on Sunday.

Counterfeit Bills.

A gentleman belonging to this city was accosted on the streets a few days ago by a stranger who was in possession of $5000 worth of counterfeit United States notes. The resident could find no use for the queer and passed on. Citizens should carefully examine foreign bank bills and a description of the individual should be given the police.

Accident.

On Sunday afternoon a runaway took place at Ross Bay Cemetery which resulted in Miss Jeffrey being slightly injured. The young lady, accompanied by Mr. A. Lewis, drove out to the cemetery and alighted to visit the graves of departed relatives. On returning to the buggy the horse started off before Mr. Lewis could catch the reins. The young lady was thrown out and badly shaken up. The horse ran around the cemetery for some time but was caught without doing much damage.

Latest Swindle.

The clerk trick has been successfully worked in San Francisco, Sacramento and Portland. A man without a hat rushes into a large store. Behind his ear is a pen and in his hand is a forged cheque for a large sum. The swindler has every appearance of a clerk in an adjoining store and usually reaches the premises after banking hours. The cheque is for quite a sum and the name of a good business man is signed to the cheque. The game worked well in the adjoining States. Our business men are warned to beware of the individuals who are working towards this city.

Kootenay's Wealth.

At one of our leading hotels in the city is registered a mining man of much experience, Mr. M. Kellie. The gentleman has spent some time in the Kootenay country exploring and prospecting with results that convince him that Kootenay is the equal of Colorado in hidden mineral wealth. The principal, and for that matter the only, drawback, is the lack of capital to develop the latent resources of the district. Mr. Kellie is a stranger in the city but will endeavor to form a company to take up a number of locations. If not successful here he intends visiting New York to try and enlist the necessary capital. Mr. Kellie's ideas are large but quite in keeping with the district.

Hackmen's Licenses.

The licensed hackmen, to the number of about thirty-five, met the police and hack committee of the city council on Saturday evening, to discuss the proposition to increase the license fee to $25. A number of the hackmen claimed that the increase would have the effect of driving out of the business a number who obtain a license and badge under a pretence of driving and thus escape prosecution for vagrancy. Runners for hacks would by this means be done away with, and the business would be conducted in a manner more acceptable to the community. Other hackmen were of the opinion that the increase to $25 would prevent a number of honest men from engaging in the business, or at least it would be an excessive sum for poor men to pay. The views of both sides were presented to the committee and will be presented to the council at the next meeting.

A First-Class Scoundrel.

The *Columbian* has the following concerning Mott, the telegraph operator who recently skipped from that city: He had a handy way of inspiring confidence and without much difficulty managed to run up a large number of accounts in various stores to town which vary from $10 to $100. Not only did he abuse the confidence of his creditors but he shamelessly deserted his wife, a very engaging and pretty woman, in a place where she was almost a stranger, leaving her unprovided for and homeless. Mott had been keeping company with a woman who is an inmate of a house of ill-fame, and for this creature he would desert his wife for a week at a time. Being hard pressed by his creditors, and further credits cut off, he quietly skipped over to Seattle, where he now is, and where, it is to be hoped, his true character will soon be known.

Tramway Company's Meeting.

The subscribers to the stock of the National Tramway Company to the number of over sixty met in the office of the company on Saturday evening. Mr. D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., was called to the chair, and Mr. M. H. Cowan was appointed secretary. The chairman made a statement of the condition of the company, describing the various systems of electrical car propulsion in use, and ended by saying that after a careful examination he was in favor of the overhead system as being the cheapest and most reliable. A statement of the property acquired by the company at Goldstream and elsewhere was read, from which it appeared the entire expense thus far incurred was less than $1,400. A resolution of confidence in the promoters, and endorsing their action including the application for a corporation guarantee, was then passed. The following provisional board of directors was then appointed: D. W. Higgins, J. Hunter, Dr. T. J. Jones, Dr. G. L. Milne, M. H. Cowan, Taos Shotbolt, and Andrew Gray. Another meeting will be held on Friday evening in Harmony Hall which was offered free by Mr. Fell. A committee on by-laws will meet the directors on Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Bolton-Bushby.

The monotony of every day proceedings was broken in the quiet little town of Esquimalt this morning by an interesting ceremony which took place in St. Paul's church. The occasion referred to was the celebration of the marriage ceremony of the Rev. William Washington Bolton, rector of the parish, and Miss Agnes Jane Bushby, both of whom are well-known in this city, the bride being a grand-daughter of the late Sir James Douglas. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Arthur Beanlands, in the presence of the following invited guests: Mrs D B Harris, Mr and Mrs Bolton, Hon J S Helmcken, Dr Redmond, Wm Fisher, J P and H D Helmcken, Esq. The bride was given away by the Hon. J. S. Helmcken. There were no bridesmaids, Lieut. Peitchard of H. M. S. Espeigle acting as best man. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was partaken of at Oakdene, the residence of W. F. Bullen, Esq., Esquimalt Road. The happy couple then took their leave of the company and drove off with two old shoes attached to the rear axle of which they were altogether ignorant. It is needless to say that they were followed by showers of rice and all the good wishes which a host of admiring friends can make for them.

A DREAM OF VICTORIA

What Nature Has Done and What Art Will Yet do for Victoria City.

A Scene of Elysian Beauty as Seen in a Dream by an Old Citizen.

(Written for THE TIMES.)

I dreamt of a destructive conflagration taking place in the dead of night, sweeping everything before it on the south side of Humboldt street from Government to the Reformed church. Nothing was left but charred remains to tell the tale of its past history. Our ever vigilant aldermen at once saw their opportunity, and with the consent of the ratepayers, secured the burnt district, built a bulkhead where the present bridge now is, filled in the flat to a proper grade, fenced it, planted ornamental shade trees around its boundaries, and artistically laid out the grounds in elegant walks and verdant lawns. Statues and vases, arbors of vines and flowering shrubs adorned the place, and fountains showered their silvery sprays in the dazzling sun. Quaint and rustic seats were embowered beneath the arching vines of clematis, honeysuckle and roses, inviting the weary to take a rest. This was the Citizens' Park—a breathing place for the public.

Humboldt street was extended to Moss street and Moss street to the beach, the two forming the northern and eastern boundaries of Beacon Hill Park. Our generous ratepayers had voted money for the general improvement of the Park. If deficient in quantity the Park far surpass in quality. Nature has lavished with no unsparing hand on the beauties of Beacon Hill. The artificial work has polished the rough diamond, and it has been artistically laid out in elegant walks, and adorned with avenues of horse chestnuts, elms and acacia, and other ornamental trees; the grounds are for the recreation of the public. They are maintained from the public purse and are the resort of all classes. Here the aristocrat, the wealthy merchant, the prosperous tradesman and the poor employee meet on terms of equal enjoyment and freedom, each in his own way with their wives and families. Everyone is regardful of the enjoyments of those about him. There is no breach of good manners; no unseemly conduct; no abuse of the proprieties of the place. There are beautiful plants, choice ornamental and flowering shrubs, velvet grass and green lawns, perfectly smooth walks, regularly cut hedges, sparkling fountains, secluded retreats, and public drives—all in fact that can render public grounds attractive. When there happens to be one of H. M. flag ships stationed here there is at set times the most perfect instrumental music, and on such occasions there are large crowds in the public grounds.

The environs of Beacon Hill are extremely beautiful. The scenery is a combination of "mountain and of flood," but it is scarcely appreciated by the citizens, long associations having made it so familiar that they regard it as a necessary incident to the surroundings of a city; whereas there are few points, if any, in the world from which such a magnificent panorama of land and water can be seen, as from Beacon Hill. As one wanders along the pebbly beach, always beautiful with the life like beating of the restless sea, or the placid bosom of the Straits of Juan can be seen vessels of every description and nationality, freighted with rich and valuable cargoes, their white sails swelling in the breeze. Across the Straits lies the territory which bears the name of the immortal Washington. Its shore is dotted with well-cultivated farms; its hills are covered with a dense forest of pine and fir. In the far distance, stretching away for many leagues, is the magnificent Olympian Alps, crowned with eternal snow. There the tempest triumphs in all the terrors of its glory, and drifting clouds alternate with rainbow arches of brilliant light. At the base of the Olympians and directly opposite to Beacon Hill, nestling in the virgin forest, is the embryo city of Port Angeles of great expectations, as it is supposed that it will become the northern terminus of the Southern Pacific Railroad system.

Victoria has become noted the world over for her many beautiful and charming drives over well constructed roads, through thickets of wild flowering shrubs and forests of stately pines, firs and cedars, whose fragrance load the air. The drives are numerous and a different one can be selected for every day in the week. The principal and favorite promenade is the Alameda, the loveliest ride, walk or drive in the world. This avenue was constructed by the city and government combined. It is a well built road, broad, level and hard, smooth as a marble floor and free from dust or mud. It is very gay towards sunset, with handsome carriages and horses. All the fashion and culture go there to visit as well as to drive, and one has an opportunity of seeing the finest best dressed men and women of the city. The Alameda, starting from the outer harbor, skirts along the dreamy shore of our western Mediterranean, and winds in graceful curves round the little bays and inlets, where large families of gulls and pelicans gossip all day long. Leaving the seashore it enters the elysian fields and Arcadian groves by crags and cliffs and rocky glens, and through fields of fern and mossy banks. At every angle the most enchanting scenes burst suddenly on the sight, flowers of brilliant colors charm the eye and their fragrance perfumes the glorious atmosphere. Now we enter the shadows of the majestic trees, ever and anon catching ravishing glimpses of the steel blue sea. The road is lined with hedges of wild roses and thickets of underbrush, dense as a tropical jungle, mingled with the sweet-scented spiræa, mock orange, syringa and many other wild flowers and vines hanging in festoons from the spreading branches. Where in the universe is such exquisite natural scenery to be found? Again we enter the deep, dark forest of pines and maples, and passing through groves of gnarled oaks and clumps of arbutus, and winding up a gentle grade finally land on the summit of Cedar Hill. There nestled in a little valley, is the Hotel Grand View, with every accommodation that can be wished for. The view from the rocky crest of Cedar Hill is of itself a sight of surpassing loveliness, of matchless grandeur. The day was fair, the sun shone clear, not a breath came o'er the sea. In ecstacy I stood entranced, gazing upon the panorama that stretched before me. Its grandeur surpassed all powers of description and defied the painter's skill.

Looking down upon the landscape, dotted with rich and well cultivated farms, the homes of a happy and contented people at your feet as it were, there lies basking in the sun the fair city of Victoria, smiling in all her innocence and beauty. Like a fairy queen she sits upon her rocky throne surrounded with luxury, wealth and beauty; her handsome villas and cottages encircled by gardens of exquisite taste and gay with flowers. See how charmingly the purple convolvulous or morning glory trails its luxuriant wreath and mingles with other creeping vines, weaving their delicate tendrils on the lattices. See the well-rolled gravel walks, hard and smooth as a marble table; the neat and well-trimmed hedges; the velvety turf and smooth shaven lawns of emerald green, and walks over which dark ivy creeps. Inhale the aromas of the flowering shrubs. See the rare old holly with its shining foliage of dark glossy green, and its brilliant scarlet berries that adorn and decorate our sacred edifices. It is the emblem of good old Christmas cheer, which brings back recollections of boyhood's days, long, long ago. Look at the orchards whose trees are bending down under the weight of their purple and golden fruit, waiting patiently to be plucked from the parent tree, and inviting the passer-by to taste of their exquisite flavor. And listen to the tuneful notes of the lark in early morn, as he rises from his meadow home and soars heavenwards warbling his morning song. Music fit for angels!

Further out still lies Race Rocks Light House, where the Straits of Fuca enter the steel-blue Mediterranean of the west. Near by is the land locked harbor of Esquimalt, our naval station, which has no equal on the Pacific Coast, surrounded by green hills and forests of evergreen. One would almost imagine it had but lately sprung from the hand of the Almighty, prepared for the abode of some happy beings who owed their existence to special divine favor. Or fancy might deem it a spot for angels to light upon, a kind of resting place between heaven and earth—a celestial Eden.

Puget Sound and the Gulf of Georgia as an inland sea has no equal. Its archipelago of a thousand isles are covered with dense forests of evergreens and rich in productions of the finest quality of fruits and vegetables. These beautiful and enchanted islands are guarded and protected by their parent island, Vancouver, Queen of the Northern Antilles. In these northern tropics green peas, tomatoes and ripe strawberries have been picked from the vines in November, and at Christmas bouquets of choice flowers have been culled from gardens in the open air.

In the far distance in the north-east is the Cascade Range of mountains, their white tops starting out from the deep blue sky like frosted silver. Rising from the midst of his snowy sattelites and towering high in his grandeur is Old Baker, the monarch of mountains, whose sublimity is not surpassed by the famous Mount Blanc, the king of the Switzer Alps. There he stands in all his natural glory, clad in robes of virgin white, glittering like burnished silver in the morning sun, his ice-crowned summit towering high above the clouds and sparkling like a great diamond in the radiant sun. At a distance the harmony of the landscape is seen in all its sublime simplicity, graceful and majestic.

To the north lies the Gulf of Georgia, extending for leagues and loosing itself in the broad Pacific and on the highway to Alaska. There also is Nanaimo in the rich coal belt of our island. To the north-west one is impressed with the similiarity of Lake Cowichan to the Scottish Lake Tay, where the mountain chain abruptly sinks as if to make room for the river as it flows towards the smiling country of the "Fair Maid of Perth," through the shadowy depths of Blair Athol. To the west lies still another scene of beauty. In the far distance, behind the illumined and purple mountains, the sun makes his last stand. Look upon the fair face of Vancouver Island with unprejudiced eyes. No grander ocean ever lifted billows to fairer shores. No more majestic rivers ever sang to magnificent mountains; no clearer brooks ever murmured to fragrant woods; no more beautiful birds ever carrolled to a happier people; no sweeter flowers ever perfumed a more delightful atmosphere; no loftier mountains ever pierced a purer ether; no clearer sky ever bended o'er richer earth; and no braver men ever wooed fairer or sweeter women. The days are surprisingly lovely, and when nature, wearied with the dazzling glory of day, puts on her star-spangled night robes, and reclines upon her couch, she still smiles upon her worshippers and bids them "woo her gently and with honeyed words."

And as the sun disappeared beneath the western wave, the writer awoke to a realization of the fact that he had caught a glimpse of what will be, and that through the mystery of a dream he had been accorded a knowledge of the future. It will all come true in the process of time, and not even apathy and indifference can change, although they may delay, the manifest destiny of Victoria.

Tourist travel is rapidly increasing and every season will bring visitors here by thousands and tens of thousands. Our city is sure to be a favorite resort, but we have to offer them inducements to come and to keep them here when they do come. In the first place we are in urgent need of a first class hotel; one that will be a credit to this or any other city, a hotel with all the latest improvements. Nearly every city, town and hamlet from San Diego, Cal., to the young and flourishing city of Vancouver, has got her first-class hotel. The West Hotel in Minneapolis, and the Ryan Hotel in St. Paul are palaces. In St. Augustine, the oldest city in America and not half the size of Victoria, with nothing to praise it more than a winter climate, there are four new hotels, the Ponce de Leon, the Alcazar, the Cassa Monica and the San Marco. They are among the most attractive in existence and all supported by winter tourists. If the writer was a millionaire he would commence tomorrow on a first-class hotel. It would pay. Can not our capitalists be persuaded into this enterprise? The tourist and people traveling for pleasure want all the comforts and the best accommodations that can be had. As it now is they spend one or two days, and away they go. Were it otherwise, they would spend weeks and months, and some, being captivated by the salubrity of our climate and beauty of scenery, would make this their home.

The next thing is to improve and beautify our city, plant shade trees on each side of the streets. Let us have good sewerage and plenty of water to flush the gutters. Make things pleasant, attractive and inviting to strangers. When landing here from the steamers it strikes them at once. The like the appearances of our city. They feel at home and with a first-class hotel, many will settle down and spend the summer with us. What the city needs is money for improvements. Then let our citizens be liberal and vote for loans. We want first-class, liberal-minded men for aldermen, men of ability and good business qualifications, honest and upright in spending the people's money, placing it where it will do the most good, and where it is the most needed; men who will work in peace and harmony for the welfare and good of the city.

When will this dream be fulfilled?

Contractor Ross' Big Job.

Jas. Ross, who built some of the most difficult sections of the C. P. R., including the Rocky mountain section and through the Selkirks, has taken several contracts with the Chilian Government for the construction of about 700 miles of railway involving an outlay of about $22,000,000. The contemplated lines are to be built for the purpose of opening up the country, and the engineering obstacles in many instance may be extremely difficult to overcome. As the contracts are only accepted subject to Ross' experts, he has dispatched a staff of engineers to survey the country and prepare plans. The following are the proposed routes: 1. Losvalor to Illapel and Salamama. 2 Calera to Lstiqua and Capildo. 3. Palea to Constitution. 4. Caiso to Mulcher. 5. Santiago, Melpellap, Victoria to Valdivia and Osorno.

Almost a Nuisance.

When heard afar off the members of the Salvation Army might be imagined to be a host of demons very much the worse for something, says the Vancouver *World*, but when seen at close quarters (as was the case by many last evening) the beholder was more inclined to look upon them as maniacs of the first water. Dressed from head to foot in red and gorgeous colors, and parading the streets with the notes of discordant music the peregrinations of the Salvation Army are not a permanent good is done thereby, it is a different matter; but under any circumstances the day for this kind of buffoonery is past and gone. If the idea is to "frighten away his satanic majesty," all we can say is that sufficient noise is made to frighten away not only the devil, but also a host of his followers.

SUNDAY'S "SHOW."

The "Entertainment" at the Theatre on Sunday Night.

The seance last night at the Victoria Theatre, financially speaking, was a success. As an exhibition of art, however, whether spiritual or sleight of hand, there will be a difference of opinion. There are persons who will declare that spirits assisted the medium; there are others who will affirm that juggling will account for everything that was done. For our part we can only say that if spirits were invoked they might have spent their time more profitably, or that if sleight of hand was the agency, ingenuity has no limits, and witnesses cannot be sure of the evidence of their own senses. The one good feature of the exhibition was the absence of any phase which would produce nervousness. There were no gibbering ghosts, the substantial gentleman who did the talking, and who, we take it, was a second edition of John Bull in the shape of a Massachusetts Yankee, was not a man to deal with disembodied spirits. Ghosts do not consort with gentlemen of his temperament. We will guarantee that he will care the worst case of superstition in ten minutes. But of the seance. We cannot believe that spirits took a very active part in the proceedings. Indeed, the substantial gentleman from Massachusetts did not himself hold that he depended upon the assistance of astral forms, for the consummation of his little tricks. And when we come to think about it, why should spirits undertake the role of prestidigitateurs, or in condescending to do, wherefore should they not scorn the use of a "cabinet." So long as tricks are performed behind a curtain just so long will the belief remain current that spiritual agencies as employed last night are a fiction. Let us have something we can believe. If spirits are at our beck and call, why not use them for other purposes than affording chaff for the crowd. Such exhibitions as last night lack dignity, and in fact is flavored wholly of lagerdemain. Humanity is divided in respect of belief, and for the reason that they are asked to worship something which is screened by a "cabinet," the resource of the juggler. There was nothing about the "show" to redeem it from a common sleight-of-hand performance, and it does not speak well for the managers of the theatre that it should be put to such a purpose on a Sunday.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Baptism of Chinese Girls and Boys—Mission Work in the Province.

The annual missionary meeting services of the Methodist Church were held yesterday throughtout the province. The day was moreover a memorable one in the history of the church in British Columbia. It was the thirtieth anniversary of the first Methodist missionaries on the shores of this Pacific province.

At the morning services in the Pandora Street Methodist Church six Chinese girls of the Rescue Home were to be baptised and given Christian names. One was called "Cherry." In the evening some seven Chinese boys received the rite of baptism, each, however, retaining the name he brought with him from the Flowery Kingdom.

Rev. Mr Starr, speaking in reference to missions at last night's meeting, stated that the amount raised in the province for missionary purposes last year was $2433, of which the Indians in connection with the missions raised $770, or about one-third of the total amount. This year the Indians on the Skeena alone will raise $1000. The total amount expended in the province on missions last year far exceeded the amount raised. The total sum paid out was $17,765. In view of the fact that the Methodist church put into this province $15,000 more annually than it took out or more, with one exception, than any other denomination, the church had a right to demand greater recognition from the government of this province than it was receiving. He was glad to report an advance, during the year, all along the line. The speaker in his own original way, mentioned the fact during the evening that it "costs something like $20 to convert a heathen but it costs $600, or thereabouts, to get one of you right, and it is going to cost $250,000 if you keep on the way you are going."

Rev. J. H. White, who is a clear and impressive speaker, delivered the sermon. He said it was becoming more difficult every year to make a missionary meeting address. The work was advancing so rapidly that the information presented last year would be altogether inaccurate now. Proceeding he pointed out that notwithstanding the great expenditure made annually for missionary work throughout the world that the sound of the gospel had never reached the ears of three quarters of the 1,500,000,000 people inhabiting this earth, 1,100,000,000 had never heard the name of Jesus and whose breasts no hope of a future beyond this world has ever entered. The cheapness of carriaging on missionary work now compared with a few years ago was referred to, rendered so by the greater facilities for travel and the transmission of knowledge. The Bible was translated into 250 tongues. But the church had to be up and doing. The first reason was because of the great activity of the enemy, the devil was surely getting ahead of the church not only in this province but along the whole coast. The church was not getting the people as fast as they came in. Travellers tell us also that heathen nations are forsaking their gods and idols, but the church does not get them. They are going in the direction of unbelief. They are drifting away instead of being brought into the fold of Christ. The address was short but interesting and very attentively listened to.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C.]

Geo. Bedford, *alias* Dan Apples, was charged with being drunk and obstructing passengers. Apples said he supposed he had taken a large quantity of cider. A frown appeared on his countenance when the Supt. of Police said he appeared about 50 times on the same charge. His Honor decided to send Dan to the temperance hotel on Topaze avenue for one month.

Thomas Healy was charged with entering the store of Messrs. Gilmore & McCandless with intent to commit a felony. Mr. Charles Wilson appeared for the defense.

Officer Lindsay said the defendant was given into his charge at 9:30 o'clock on Saturday night for entering Gilmore & McCandless' store; he admitted being in the store; never saw defendant before.

Henry McCandless, clerk in the store—recognize prisoner; saw him in the store at 9:30 on Saturday night. The store was looked up about 9 o'clock; at 9:30 saw a light in the back workshop; entered the workshop and found all dark; saw a truck; stooped to examine the trunk; saw a man standing in the corner of the workshop; the prisoner was the man; asked him what was the matter; he said "nothing" and made for the door. Witness reached the door first and bolted it; witness called his brother and told him there was a man in the workshop; Alex. McCandless went into the yard to stop him from getting out while witness telephoned for the police; prisoner tried the windows and door to get out; Officer Lindsay was passing; called him in; prisoner broke the back door open and was in the yard; Alex. McCandless caught prisoner and held him until the officer arrived.

Alex. G. McCandless corroborated the evidence of his brother and said he went into the yard; picked up a piece of board; heard prisoner trying to get out of the back window; ran around and braced the window with the board, then heard prisoner run across the floor towards the side door; heard the door open and saw prisoner burst out, he had one hand up and yelled as witness came up; caught him by the throat and threw him down; officer Lindsay came into the yard and prisoner was handed to him; sometimes wh have a lot of goods in the room.

Geo. McCandless gave testimony relative to locking the workshop and corroborating the evidence given by other witnesses; found the large penknife produced sticking in a board where the prisoner was caught by Alex. McCandless.

The evidence was read over to prisoner and he was committed for trial. Bail fixed at $4,000, prisoner in $2,000 and two sureties of $1,000 each.

Mrs. Caroline Hunt was charged by Supt. Sheppard and Sergt. Walker with inveighing one Augusta Louise Peterson, a girl under the age of 21 years into a house of ill-fame on Broard street contrary to the form of statute.

The information of Sergt. Walker was read. The Sergt said: Last Saturday night between 10 and 11 o'clock, in company with the Chief of Police, arrested prisoner in a house of prostitution on Broad street kept by one Bertha Baker; the warrant was issued by Thos. Shotbolt, J. P.; the girl was not present.

Officer Lindsay deposed—On Saturday last went to a reputed house of ill-fame on Broad street kept by Bertha Baker; saw prisoner there and a young girl named Augusta Louise Peterson; took charge of the girl and brought her to the police station; prisoner said she brought the girl from Seattle and paid her fare; she admitted taking the girl to the house occupied by Bertha Baker.

To prisoner—You said you paid $3 on the steamer for the girl's fare.

Augusta Louise Peterson, under examination by Supt. Sheppard, said—I have known prisoner for two weeks; knew her in Seattle; arrived in this city on Friday night from Seattle; left Seattle with prisoner, who did not appear to know, because she was very full.

Supt. Sheppard—Full, what do you mean?

Witness—She was drunk. It was understood that witness was to come here to work; witness said she was going to work; consented to come; the woman said work could be found in a boarding house or in a private family; the woman's lover, a man named Patsey, paid the fares; went to one of the hotels; in the afternoon of Saturday the man Patsey said prisoner and witness had better go to Bertha Baker's; Patsey showed prisoner and witness the house; went in the house and came out again; afterwards returned with prisoner. (The conversation between witness and prisoner is unfit for publication). An hour afterwards a policeman came to the house. Was afraid to say anything after realizing that I was in a house of ill-fame; worked in a private family in Seattle; have a mother and one sister in Seattle; witness did not tell her mother that she was leaving Seattle; Mrs. Peterson lives at Gilman, thirty miles from Seattle; will be 16 years old next August; received $6 per month at the hotel.

To His Honor—Prisoner was rooming in the hotel with her husband; her husband kept a saloon; she left home with the man Patsey; this man was a bartender; the father and mother of witness separated 12 months ago; the father is in Minnesota; they could not live together; witness was born in Norway; arrived in Seattle four months ago.

The hotel proprietor said—Saw the prisoner with the girl and a man named Patsy arriving from the steamer North Pacific; sent them to the hotel; never saw them before; Patsy said prisoner was his wife and the girl her sister; they left next day; the man did not come back to pay his bill.

Bertha Baker—I keep a house that is called a house of ill-fame; two men came to the house and asked for rooms for two ladies; don't know the men; have seen one of the men here for a long time; the women came to the house at 3 o'clock; they left and returned at 5 o'clock; about an hour after an officer came; told the girl to leave the house, and witness said she was getting ready to go to the Chief of Police with the girl when the policeman arrived; the prisoner and the girl knew what kind of a house they were coming to.

The superintendent said he had no further evidence. A warrant was issued at the time the woman was arrested for the arrest of the man.

The evidence was read over to the prisoner and the case remanded until to-morrow.

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From the North.

The Barbara Boscowitz arrived from Fort Simpson and way ports at 5:30 p. m. on Sunday. She brought the following passengers: Mrs Cuthbert, Mr and Mrs Singleton and daughter, Skeena River; Mr R H Hall, Port Simpson; Mr Helgessen, River's Inlet; Mr. Fritz Brentzen, Mr John R Scott, Metlakatla; Mr F J Spencer, Mr J H Cogn, Mr Harold Redgrave, Alert Bay.

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City Hall, February 9th 1889. fe11

Estate of Heinrich Bohrer, Deceased.

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CONCERT AND DRAMATIC

ENTERTAINMENT

THE MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL and Literary Society intend holding a Concert and Dramatic Entertainment at Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, on Friday evening, February 15th.

Admission, 50c. Children, half price. fe9d

VICTORIA WEST.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETing of the residents of Victoria West, will be held at the School House, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of forming a municipality.

Victoria West, February 9th. fe9-13

T. STOREY,
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